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Corps of Engineers urges caution to Lake O' the Pines visitors and area residents

As a result of excessive rains and severe flooding over the past few weeks at Lake O' the Pines, many parks, boat ramps and other facilities are severely damaged or under water. It is unknown at this time how long the recreation facilities at the lake will be impacted by high water levels.

The staff at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lake are urging boaters and other outdoor recreationists to use extreme caution while at the lake because of hazards due to floating and submerged debris including pilings, picnic tables, barbeque grills, fences and signs. The Corps also warns that unusually swift currents make canoeing, rafting and bank fishing hazardous. Boaters are also reminded to be considerate of others by reducing speeds when near the shore to minimize wave action.

In addition, high water is threatening to close two farm-to-market roads that cross the lake. Water is within 18 inches of the bridges on FM 729 at Alley Creek, Johnson Creek and Hurricane Creek and on FM 726 at Brushy Creek and Copeland Creek. Residents living in these areas should pay close attention to the situation and be ready to find alternate routes should these roads be closed, or find another place to stay until the water recedes.

For more information on recreation facilities at Lake O' the Pines, contact the Corps lake office at (903) 665-2336. For road closure information, contact the Texas Department of Transportation Jefferson Maintenance Section at (903) 665-2692 or the Marshall Area Office at (903) 935-2809.

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